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SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN EMIGRATION PRACTICE

REF: BUDAPEST A-70 AND 71/77

1. AS WE BEGIN PREPARATIONS FOR CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON THE ANTICIPATED HUNGARIAN TRADE AGREEMENT, WE REALIZE THAT WE MUST EXPECT DETAILED AND SEARCHING QUESTIONS ON HUNGARIAN EMIGRATION. WE HAVE CAREFULLY REVIEWED YOUR A-70 AND A-71/77 AND THE STATISTICAL TABLES RECENTLY SENT TO EUR/EE, WHICH CONVEY IN A VALUABLE AND BRIEF FORM MOST OF THE INFORMATION WE BELIEVE WE SHALL REQUIRE. OUR REVIEW OF CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON ROMANIA AND OUR RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND COMMITTEE STAFFERS SUGGEST CERTAIN EMIGRATION-RELATED AREAS WHERE FURTHER INFORMATION IS NEEDED. YOUR PROMPT ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS POSED PARA 2-5 WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. WE HAVE NOTED TO HUNGARIAN EMBASSY THAT WE MAY NEED TO REQUEST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FACTUAL INFORMATION TO PREPARE FOR HEARINGS. THEIR REPLY WAS THAT BOTH THEY AND MFA ARE FULLY READY TO ASSIST.

2. EMIGRATION STATISTICS - A) TOTAL ANNUAL EMIGRATION FROM HUNGARY SINCE 1973, BROKEN DOWN IF POSSIBLE INTO EMIGRA-

TION TO US, OTHER NON-SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, SOCIALIST COUN-

TRIES; B) TOTAL ANNUAL JEWISH EMIGRATION OVER SAME PERIOD (HUNGARIAN EMBASSY HAS TOLD US THAT NO GOH STATISTICS ARE KEPT BY RELIGION AND RECOMMENDED WE REFER THIS QUESTION TO HUNGARIAN JEWISH LEADERSHIP); C) UPDATED ESTIMATE OF OUTSTANDING EMIGRATION PROBLEM CASES WITH WESTERN NATIONS.

3. EMIGRATION PRESSURE - TO SUPPLEMENT YOUR EXCELLENT ANALYSIS OF HUNGARIAN DESIRE TO EMIGRATE, ANY INFORMATION FURTHER TO A-71 YOU MIGHT PROVIDE ON POTENTIAL JEWISH EMIGRATION OR BACKLOG OF JEWISH APPLICANTS FOR EMIGRATION WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

4. SUBTLE BARRIERS TO EMIGRATION - TO MEET SPECIFIC QUESTIONS POSED BY SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE STAFFERS AND TO SUPPLEMENT SECTION 2 OF A-70: (A) WHAT IF ANY LIMITATIONS ARE PLACED ON THE AMOUNT OR RANGE OF PERSONAL GOODS EMIGRANTS MAY TAKE WITH THEM WHEN THEY DEPART HUNGARY? IF THIS IS EMBODIED IN LAW, WE WOULD LIKE A COPY IN TRANSLATION. (B) WE NOTE THAT EMIGRATION PASSPORT APPLICATIONS MUST BE FILED IN PERSON. DOES THIS ALSO ENTAIL A PERSONAL INTERVIEW? IF SO, HOW IS THIS INTERVIEW PROCESS CONDUCTED, IS IT USED TO DETER THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS? IS THERE EVIDENCE THAT GOH PASSPORT OFFICIALS TRY TO DISSUADE PROSPECTIVE EMIGRANTS FROM SUBMITTING PASSPORT APPLICATIONS AND/OR APPEALS OF PASSPORT REFUSALS? ARE APPLICATIONS EASILY AVAILABLE? LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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5. DUAL NATIONALS - (A) WHAT IS THE STATUS OF DUAL (US-HUNGARIAN) NATIONALS IN HUNGARY? (B) ARE THERE ANY CURRENT PROBLEM CASES?

6. TO AID IN OUR PRESENT CONSULTATIONS ON THE HILL, PLEASE SEND BY YOUR COB FEBRUARY 24 ANSWERS TO AS MANY OF THESE QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE. FURTHER ANSWERS SHOULD BE SUPPLIED AS SOON AS YOU OBTAIN THEM. VANCE

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